

THE STATE OF TEXAS )(

WARRANT NO. PC 31888

COUNTY OF TARRANT )(

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WARRANT OF ARREST

TO ANY PEACE OFFICER OF THE STATE OF TEXAS;

The undersigned Magistrate having heretofore found that probable cause exists for the issuance of this warrant, you are hereby commanded to arrest **Reibert, George Wayne W/M 12/21/1972** hereinafter referred to as the suspect, and bring the said suspect before a Magistrate in and for Tarrant County, Texas, instanter, then and there to answer the State of Texas for an offense against the laws of said State, to-wit: Arson of a Habitation, Penal Code 28.02, of which offense he, the said suspect, is accused by the written affidavit, under oath of Investigator M.B. Sims #5905, Fort Worth Fire Department Arson/Bomb Unit, filed before me anterior to the issuance of this warrant.

Herein fail not and due return make hereof at the place hereinafter named.

Witness my official signature this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October, A.D., 2015.

  
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MAGISTRATE IN AND FOR TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS  
PRESIDING JUDGE 197<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT COURT  
TITLE AND OFFICE HELD BY MAGISTRATE

Bond set by Judge: \$ 250,000 Time: 1:49 PM

RETURN

Came on to hand on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2015 and executed on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2015.

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NAME OF PEACE OFFICER

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DESCRIPTION OF OFFICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS ) ( OCT 22 2015 WARRANT NO. PC 31888  
COUNTY OF TARRANT ) (TIME 1:55 pm D297  
BY [Signature] DEPUTY

ARREST WARRANT AFFIDAVIT

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared the undersigned affiant, who after being duly sworn on oath deposes and says: My name is M.B. Sims #5905, Fort Worth Fire Department Arson/Bomb Division, and I have good reason to believe and do believe that on or about August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in Tarrant County, Texas, **Reibert, George Wayne W/M 12/21/1972**, did then and there commit the offense of Arson of Habitation, Penal Code 28.02 in that he: DID THEN AND THERE INTENTIONALLY START A FIRE OR CAUSE AN EXPLOSION BY IGNITING A FLAMMABLE OR COMBUSTIBLE MATERIAL OR LIQUID WITH AN OPEN FLAME OR OTHER IGNITION SOURCE, WITH THE INTENT TO DAMAGE OR DESTROY A HABITATION, KNOWING SAID HABITATION WAS WITHIN THE LIMITS OF AN INCORPORATED CITY OR TOWN, OR KNOWING THAT THE SAID HABITATION WAS LOCATED ON PROPERTY BELONGING TO ANOTHER, TO-WIT: **720 Kentucky Ave. Fort Worth, TX 76104.**

**My belief is based upon the following facts and information:**

Your Affiant, **M.B. Sims #5905** is a peace officer certified by the State of Texas. Your affiant has been employed by the Fort Worth Fire Department for over 20 years and currently assigned to the Special Operations Unit, Arson/Bomb Squad.

On August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at about 1657 hours, a fire was reported at 1308 S. Freeway, Fort Worth, TX. On August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at about 1747 hours, a fire was reported at **720 Kentucky Ave, Fort Worth TX.** Investigator Martin Alcantar responded to 1308 S. Freeway to conduct an origin and cause investigation. I, Investigator M.B. Sims #5905 went to 1308 S. Freeway to assist him. After I arrived on scene, fire companies were clearing the scene because another fire had been dispatched nearby at **720 Kentucky Ave.** I left 1308 S. Freeway and went to 720 Kentucky Ave. where fire crews were still busy suppressing the fire. I conducted an origin and cause investigation and determined the area of origin was at the rear or west side of the house and I determined the cause to be incendiary. The fire at 720 Kentucky Ave. was very similar in M.O. to 1308 S. Freeway in that both houses were vacant with indications of homeless traffic in and around the houses and both were set on fire at the rear of the residence. Lt. Alcantar determined that the fire at 1308 S. Freeway had started at the rear of the house and later determined that the fire was intentionally set.

The Fire Investigations office was contacted by the resident at 800 Kentucky Ave. This residence is across Leuda St. from 720 Kentucky Ave. The resident said that he has a video surveillance system and that it caught the person that set the fire at 720 Kentucky Ave. on video at the house before the fire. Lt. Fishman went to 800 Kentucky Ave. and retrieved the video with the owner's consent. Upon viewing the video, I could see the Suspect enter the back yard of 720 Kentucky Ave. at 1706 hours according to the time stamp on the video. He came into view walking east on Leuda St. and entered the driveway of 720 Kentucky Ave. that is on Leuda St. At 1710 hours, the same suspect is seen exiting the drive leaving eastbound on Leuda St. and turning and walking northbound on Kentucky Ave. I could see the following features of the w/m on the video:

1. Suspect was white
2. Suspect was a male

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3. Suspect was wearing a ball cap
4. Suspect was carrying something in his left hand that was rectangular and was consistent with the appearance of a notebook.
5. Suspect appeared to be wearing light colored long shorts.
6. Suspect was holding his right arm at a right angle as if he was holding something.

Based on the theory that the same suspect had set the fires at both 1308 S. Freeway and 720 Kentucky Ave. Investigator Chris Bowden believed the most direct route for a pedestrian between these houses was to walk north on the southbound service road of I-35W and turn east on Rosedale Ave. and turn north on the northbound service road of I-35W and then walk north to Leuda St. and then east to 720 Kentucky Ave. Investigator Bowden knew that on that route, there was a Jack In the Box Restaurant on the northbound service road of I-35W just north of Rosedale. The address of this Jack In the Box is 1001 S. Freeway. Investigator Bowden went to this Jack in the Box and obtained video surveillance with the consent of the on duty manager. At 1700 hours, on the Jack in the Box drive through video, the suspect is seen walking northbound on I-35W northbound on the sidewalk on Jack In the Box property. The suspect is wearing a ball cap, and shorts, was holding a notebook or folder in his left hand and can be seen holding a drink in his right hand which he takes a drink from on video.

Additionally, on this video it can be seen that the suspect is wearing what appears to be shorts that are a light colored camouflage pattern and dark shoes. Investigator Bowden considers where the suspect may have gotten a drink from and went to the 7-11 food store on the south side of Jack In the Box. Jack In the Box and 7-11 have joined parking lots. Investigator Bowden went to the 7-11 and with the consent of the manager obtained surveillance video. The inside camera for 7-11 is a high definition color 360 degree camera. The suspect can be seen entering the store at 1656 hours according to the 7-11 video time stamp. The suspect goes to the north end of the store and gets a soft drink from the cooler, then comes to the register and waits in line to pay. On the camera it can be seen that the suspect's hat is what appears to be blue digital camo with an emblem on the front, the shorts appear to be black, white, and gray camouflage pattern and the notebook is consistently held in his left hand is seen to be red. After paying for his drink at the register, the suspect leaves the store at 1700 hours according to the video time stamp.

Investigator Mike Ikerd #5675 made stills from the video in 7-11 as these were the images that were most clear. I took these still photographs and used them to show people in the neighborhood where the fires occurred to see if anyone recognized the suspect. On 10/13/2015, Investigator M. Alcantar #5395 and I went to the Presbyterian Night Shelter located at 2400 Cypress St. I showed the pictures to people hanging around outside and shelter staff. I showed the picture to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] She said that she recognized the suspect in the photograph as one of her clients from the [REDACTED] that had moved out the day before, **George Reibert**. She went back to the [REDACTED] where her office is located. We came to her office and she told us that she had consulted her file on **George Reibert**. She said that he admitted on his entrance paperwork that he had gone to jail in the past for setting a former employer's mobile home on fire and that he had gone to jail for that offense. I asked her if **George Reibert** usually wears camo pattern shorts and she said almost every day. I asked her if he carried anything and she said that he carried a red notebook or folder with all his papers in it a lot of the time. She said **George Reibert** had been provided the red folder at the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] provided us the address of the apartment that a local charity had placed **George Reibert** in as well as his identifying information. She also provided us with dates that **George Reibert** had been absent over night from the [REDACTED] which is against the [REDACTED] rules for residents. She said that **George Reibert** had provided paper work from John Peter Smith for every night that he was absent from [REDACTED] When I checked **George Reibert** for warrants, I found that he had a warrant for his arrest issued by the Louisiana Committee on Parole where he was on parole for the offense of Arson.

We went to the address of **George Reibert's** apartment and found him there. The address is 5108 Brentwood Stair #237, Fort Worth, TX. We arrested **George Reibert** on the Louisiana parole

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revocation warrant, which he denied any knowledge of being on parole in Louisiana. **George Reibert** was transported to the Fire Investigations Office. I mirandized him and he agreed to talk with me. He then admitted that he knew he was on parole in Louisiana and had a warrant for leaving the state of Louisiana. **George Reibert** told me that he had been convicted of arson offenses in both Louisiana and Oklahoma in the past and had been incarcerated in both states as a result. **George Reibert** admitted that he does own a blue digital camo ball cap that is a U.S. Navy hat. He also admitted owning a pair of black, white and gray camouflage shorts, and having a red folder with all his paperwork in it that he uses to keep his paperwork in for when he goes to the hospital which he does frequently. He said that all these items were in his apartment. I later obtained a search warrant # SW31856 signed by Judge G. Gallagher and found all of these items in **George Reibert's** apartment. **George Reibert** also said that I could look at his phone while I was interviewing him. As he and I looked at his phone, which was not passcode protected, I asked him about different applications on his smart phone (HTC brand). I asked him about an app called Scanner Mobile and he explained that it was for listening to police and fire department radio traffic. I asked him if he listened to Fort Worth police and fire and he said that it would not come up in the app when he searched for it and showed me that it would not come up in his app. He said he listens to Tulsa, Oklahoma because that is where he is from. When I told **George Reibert** that I believed he had set the fire at 720 Kentucky Ave. and 1308 S. Freeway, he said that he didn't want to answer any more questions and he wanted a lawyer. I checked with John Peter Smith Hospital Police in Fort Worth to see if **George Reibert** had been in the hospital on the day of the fires, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015. I was told by JPS Police Sgt. Cisneros that **George Reibert** had been admitted to the hospital on August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015 and he had been discharged on August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 1426 hours. The fire at 1308 S. Freeway was reported on August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 1656 hours. The fire at 720 Kentucky Ave. was reported on August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 1747 hours. **George Reibert** told me when I interviewed him that he takes his red folder with him to the hospital so that he has all his papers with him.

That based upon the above facts and information being related to him and as a result of his investigation, your affiant does have reason to believe and does believe that **Reibert, George Wayne W/M 12/21/1972** did knowingly and intentionally commit the offense of Arson of a Habitation Penal Code 28.02 against the laws of the State of Texas as set forth in the Penal Code.

WHEREFORE, I request that an arrest warrant be issued for the suspect hereinbefore designated according to the laws of this State.

WITNESS my signature this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2015.

*M.B. Sims #5905*

Affiant Investigator M.B. Sims #5905

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of OCTOBER, 2015.

*[Signature]*  
MAGISTRATE IN AND FOR TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS

*Presiding Judge - 297th District Court*  
TITLE AND OFFICE HELD BY MAGISTRATE

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WARRANT NO. PC 31903

COUNTY OF TARRANT )(

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Herein fail not and due return make hereof at the place hereinafter named.

Witness my official signature this the 28 day of October, A.D., 2015.

[Signature]  
MAGISTRATE IN AND FOR TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS  
Judge - 297th District Court  
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Bond set by Judge: \$ 250,000 Time: 11:25 AM

RETURN

Came on to hand on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015 and executed on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

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THOMAS A WILDER, DIST. CLERK  
TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS

ARREST WARRANT AFFIDAVIT

OCT 28 2015

TIME 12:16 pm  
BY M.A. [Signature] DEPUTY

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WHEREFORE, I request that an arrest warrant be issued for the suspect hereinbefore designated according to the laws of this State.

WITNESS my signature this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015.

*M.B. Sims 5905*

Affiant Investigator M.B. Sims #5905

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of OCTOBER, 2015.

*[Signature]*  
MAGISTRATE IN AND FOR TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS

*Judge - 297th District Court*  
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